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Proposed H.B. No. 6194: AN ACT NAMING THE BRIDGE ON THE ROUTE 72 EXTENSION IN BRISTOL IN MEMORY OF CSM ANTHONY V. SAVINO.

Dear Chairman Guerrero, Chairman Maynard, Ranking Members Boucher and Scribner and fellow members of the Transportation Committee,

The purpose of this bill is to honor a man well deserving of recognition for his service to his city, state, and country. I knew Anthony V. Savino for over 65 years and it was my privilege to simply call him "Tony." One of my earliest memories of Tony was the day that we, as youngsters in Bristol, celebrated the end of World War II together. He was my very close, lifelong friend, and later, my Command Sergeant Major in the Connecticut Army National Guard (CTANG). During his life, he also befriended many others in the city of Bristol and beyond its borders. Tony's military career spanned 40 years in the U.S. Army and the CTANG, including 16 years as the Command Sergeant Major in the CTANG. As a proud and deserving veteran, he was inducted into the Class of 2006, Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.

Tony was a Connecticut native who received his education in Bristol and Eastern Connecticut State University. He served his community as a member of the Bristol City Council, as President of the Board of Directors of the Bristol Association of Retarded Citizens and as Transit Manager for the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency. Tony was very involved with mass transit and other transportation issues, always keeping his community in mind. He was a remarkable and kind man, who enjoyed helping people and was respected by all who knew him. It will truly be a fitting tribute to name the bridge, on the Route 72 Extension in Bristol, in his honor.

Command Sergeant Major Anthony V. Savino gave so much to his city, state, and country; and as we pass over this bridge, now and in the future, we will be reminded of his kindness, service and commitment.

I respectfully request my colleagues to support passage of this bill, both in the Transportation Committee and in our respective chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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